

Panel Five

Disability History in Maryland:

Federal Roots, Local Action

Presented in timeline format with white print on black background. Maryland flag at top right.

1960s-Disability Rights Movement begins on the heels of the Civil Rights Movement. The mantra of this movement is "Nothing About Us Without Us." (1)

1970s-Introduction of the Rehabilitation Act one of the first federal civil rights laws for people with disabilities. This Act put into place Centers for Independent Living which are community based, consumer controlled centers for people with disabilities. (2)

1980s- Legislation to protect the rights of people in institutions, increase accessibility of buildings, and ensure education for children with disabilities was introduced federally among many others. (3)

1990s- Known as one of the most ambitious pieces of civil rights legislation, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law which prohibits discrimination of people with disabilities in all areas of life. Several other events paved the way for the next century like the Olmstead Decision that segregation of people with disabilities is a form of unlawful discrimination under the ADA. (3)

2000s- Maryland continued to advance disability rights with support from federal legislation including moving people out of congregate settings, providing for long term care supports, and increased accessibility in homes and the community.

Today-REAL Independence with Maryland's Centers for Independent Living

Images of logos for Maryland Association of Centers for Independent Living: Starting at top right moving clockwise-Accessible Resources for Independence, Bay Area Center for Independent Living, Image Center, Independence NOW, Southern Maryland Center for Independent Living, Resources for Independence and The Freedom Center.

Images of Maryland flag, Baltimore oriole bird, blue crab, and Maryland State Seal.

References:

(1) https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disability_rights_movement

(2) http://www.nysilc.org/~nysilc/il_philosophy/725.html

(3) http://www.yodisabledproud.org/organize/docs/PRIDE/5_High_School/Unit_3_High/3_1h-History_Timeline.pdf.

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